

MYER WILL HELP MANUFACTURERS

Has Plan Whereby His Administration Will Help to Secure War Contracts.

MAY RELIEVE SITUATION

Will Take Matter Up at Conference to Be Held in Near Future.

W. E. Myer, the state fuel administrator, has worked out a plan by which manufacturers who are not producing war materials may be able to do so in the future. While this plan was originated by Mr. Myer and has just been announced, it will probably be carried out in every state in the Union by the federal fuel administration. The state administrator's plans are to have every manufacturer in the state of Tennessee who is not at present manufacturing war materials to list their names with the administration, together with information as to what war work their plant can be especially adapted to.

A representative of the fuel administration will forward this list to Washington and take the matter up with the proper department there and endeavor to get contracts relative to war necessities for these manufacturers.

A new department will be added to the fuel administration in Tennessee at once in order to take charge of the new situation.

Mr. Myer states that the manufacturers in Tennessee, as in other states, have not awakened to the importance of getting war work. He said there are at present very few industries in Chattanooga which are getting out government contracts.

The new plan has been laid before John E. Edgerton, president of the Tennessee Manufacturers' association, and he has been placed in charge of the department. He has appointed Mr. Miller, of Johnson City, who is a high-class engineer, to serve as a mechanical engineer. Mr. Miller is a man capable of advising the manufacturers as to what their machinery is especially suited for in the way of producing war materials, for those who are not engaged in bona fide war work.

To Hold Meetings. Meetings will be held at once in the various cities throughout Tennessee at which time the matter will be laid before the manufacturers. The first meeting will be held on Aug. 27 at Memphis, and will be followed by meetings at Jackson on Wednesday, Aug. 28; Tuesday, Aug. 29, at Nashville, and Friday, Aug. 30, at Chattanooga. Later on, Mr. Myer announced that there will be similar meetings held at Knoxville, Johnson City and other points in Tennessee. At each meeting the manufacturers throughout the particular zone will be requested to attend the meeting and will be called upon for reports as to the class of the present work they are doing and what machinery they have in the factory.

Another man will shortly be appointed by Mr. Myer. He will be a first-class manufacturer and will go to Washington as a representative of the manufacturers of Tennessee, but will receive no salary. He will carry with him a list of manufacturers not engaged in war work, with a statement of the war work that each factory is best suited for. This matter will be taken before the proper war boards and contracts secured. Mr. Myer pointed out that this will be a help to the manufacturers, as it will enable them to get coal throughout the winter and keep the thousands of employees at work. It will also help the government, as the department at Washington is in need of many things that can't be made fast enough.

Fuel Engineer Appointed. While in Chattanooga a few hours Saturday morning Mr. Myer also laid before the local administrator other plans which he expects to carry out. He stated that he has appointed Dr. Charles S. Brown, professor of engineering at Vanderbilt university, as administrative and fuel engineer for Tennessee, who will serve without pay. In addition to this he will appoint an assistant fuel engineer in each county in the state. A representative of the fuel engineering department will visit each manufacturing plant in the state and make a survey of the furnaces, and will make such suggestions as to changes in furnaces in regard to putting them on an efficiency basis. A sound survey will be made and the furnaces tested out and rated according to the fuel efficiency of the furnace. In case of an extreme shortage of coal, these industrial concerns will be provided with fuel in proportion to the efficiency rating of their furnaces. For example, the fuel efficiency of one may be 50 and the other 70; in this case the one rating 70 will be served first. This fuel engineer, according to Mr. Myer, will save thousands of tons of coal in this state, as well as millions of dollars.

Go to Washington. Mr. Myer announced at the conference in Chattanooga Saturday morning that he was on his way to Washington to attend a meeting of the

United States fuel administrators of the various states, which is being held at the capital city for the purpose of getting over the coal shortage facing the states this coming winter.

BAR PAYS BEAUTIFUL TRIBUTE TO YOUNG HERO

Resolutions in Respect to Memory of Lieut. Robert Buchanan Adopted.

At the meeting of the Chattanooga Bar association called to take action in respect to the memory of Lieut. Robert G. Buchanan, who died at Camp Perry, Toledo, O., a committee, composed of H. A. Chamberlain, J. B. Frazier and J. M. Trimble, was appointed to draft suitable resolutions.

This committee has drafted the resolutions as follows:

"Not within the memory of living man have the members of the Chattanooga bar been called together in time of war to commemorate the death of a soldier who was also a member of our profession."

"It is with feelings of profound sadness, but also with pride that your committee offer resolutions concerning the life and death of one of the best beloved of our younger lawyers, and the first active member of our bar to answer the final summons and be mustered out of this war."

"Robert Garrett Buchanan was born and reared in Hamilton county. He received his education in the schools of Chattanooga, and in the Chattanooga college of law."

"He was licensed to practice by the Supreme Court of Tennessee on August 14, 1914, but had to wait until December 15, 1914, when he reached the age of 21 years before he could be sworn in as a practitioner."

"He entered immediately upon the active work of his profession and won the esteem and confidence of all with whom he came in contact."

"It is safe to say that no young member of our bar was more generally liked by his professional brethren, by the judges and magistrates before whom he appeared, and by the public officers with whom he came in contact as well as by the clients and witnesses whom he met in daily business."

"He was not unmindful of the value of books and did not neglect their study, but his studies were the one where he came in contact with his fellow men. As an investigator of facts; as a settler of disputed questions and finder of the evidence from witnesses, not always friendly, he had a tact and ability which amounted to genius."

"This ability was recognized not only by those associated with him in practice, but by lawyers of wide experience who knew him only from his work."

"He had a keen and logical mind and his friends confidently looked forward to his attainment of great success in his profession."

"But when duty called him to another field, Mr. Buchanan laid aside his ambitions without a question."

"It is said he was the first registrant in Hamilton county, but before any registration he had entered the first training camp, from which he was graduated as a second lieutenant of artillery."

"He preferred the cavalry and was later transferred to that branch of the service."

"As a soldier he showed that single-mindedness of purpose which marked him as a lawyer."

"The independent legal mind was laid aside as a garment and with his country's uniform he put on the mind of a man set under authority."

"His whole thought was directed, as it had always been, to the business in hand and he earned the commendation of his superiors and associates."

"He had been recommended for promotion at the time of his death."

"He chafed at the delay in getting an assignment for foreign service, but none but his intimates knew of it, and he disdained, then as ever, to try to advance his interests by the aid of influential friends."

"We mourn his loss, but we count his life a success."

"And so, to sum up, we say: 'Our young friend was genial, friendly, active and talented. He had all the fine qualities of character and conduct that made promise for honorable success in his chosen profession—that could honor it, and honor him.'"

"But he was more than a lawyer. He was a patriot. He had freely offered himself—all that he was, and all that he had—to his country. At the time of his death he was in training for greater efficiency—in the service of the government, in this great world war."

"To our short human vision, and to our limited human comprehension, his death was all untimely. But we are taught to believe, and we try to believe, that in the orderings of the Great Ruler there are no untimely deaths. God, our creator, and the creator of the things that rule us, still lives and rules. And so we comfort ourselves, and we commend to our young friend's bereaved parents, kindred, and his many loving friends, the comfort that comes from such thoughts of an overruling and beneficent providence. For aught we know his death, and its influence upon others, will do more good for the cause of righteousness in this war than he could have done if he had lived."

"It is a comfort also to believe, and we have reason to believe, that what we call death is really an entering upon true life, free from the limitations of mortality."

"Therefore, be it resolved by the members of the Chattanooga bar, that in Robert Garrett Buchanan this bar has lost a friend and associate whom to know was to love; a fellow craftsman who was an honor to his profession, a Christian gentleman, and a soldier without reproach. In whose memory we wish to adopt these resolutions as a perpetual memorial."

MYER URGES THAT COAL BE PROMPTLY UNLOADED

Necessary in Order That Railroad Congestion May Be Relieved.

A telegram received from the office of the state fuel administrator in Nashville Saturday morning urges all manufacturers and dealers to expedite shipments of coal in railroad lots to unload the fuel as quickly as possible in order to help out in the serious coal shortage confronting the railroads of the state.

Freight cars are often left standing on the sidetracks for weeks at a time, and in this way, cause great delay in the movement of the coal throughout the country.

The telegram in full as received by The News from W. E. Myer's office is as follows:

"Nashville, Aug. 17.—(Special).—The marked decrease in coal production is due to lack of cars, railroads advise. Most urgent appeal to dealers and consumers receiving coal in car lots to expedite unloading, and release cars in quickest possible time so they may be hurried back to mines for reloading."

"W. E. MYER, 'Fuel Administrator.'"

COL. ED WATKINS IN RACE TO WIN

He Denies All Rumors of His Intended Withdrawal From Senatorial Contest.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

T. Pope Shepherd Makes Rousing Speech in Interest of Democracy.

At a meeting held by the Hamilton county democratic executive committee Saturday morning, Col. Ed Watkins, democratic nominee for the state senate, in a rousing speech stated that despite several unwarranted rumors he was in the race to stay and to win. He said that some busybody had seen fit to circulate certain reports that he would withdraw and this he wanted to denounce as untrue. Col. Watkins stated the democratic executive committee had conferred the honor of his candidacy on him before his name was voted on in the primary, and that if he had wanted to withdraw he would have done them the courtesy to have told them so. However, he said as this was the first opportunity he had had to thank the committee for the splendid vote and endorsement he received in the last race he wanted to heartily thank the committee and state to them he was in the race to stay and win by a good majority.

T. Pope Shepherd, who was present at the meeting, also made an enthusiastic speech in the interest of the democratic party, saying that because they had met defeat in the past election they should not give up but get even busier in the coming election. He said that for some time past he had noticed lack of enthusiasm in the party ranks and he wondered what was the matter as there once was a time when the democratic committee was a power in the community and an endorsement from them meant sure election. He said that now for some reason it was hardly able to get a quorum present and this should not be. "The democratic party will win in the coming state election and in the next national election and perhaps be in power forever if the members of the party stand by in the future as they have in the past," said Mr. Shepherd. T. W. Stanfield, chairman of the primary committee, made a few remarks in which he thanked the members of the com-

mittee for the support accorded him during the last election.

The meeting was called to order by Col. Watkins and W. F. McLaughy read a report of the committee of which he is chairman, appointed to select five democrats to assist each candidate in the coming election. The five democrats selected to assist the legislative ticket are as follows:

"For Col. E. Watkins—Matt Dillard, Charley Taylor, W. H. Frazier, W. L. Bork and Mance Sherrill."

"For J. O. Martin—W. Shep Shelton, L. B. Price, Dan C. Wheeler, J. J. Harrington and C. M. Preston."

"For L. D. Miller—G. W. Lucas, Will Rollins, Joe V. Williams, Nick Bush and Prof. J. L. Hair."

"For A. L. Emerson—Phil Shugart, John Royal, A. L. Camp, Porter Pennybaker, Dock Street."

After the report of Mr. McLaughy was read it was unanimously adopted by the committee. Mr. McLaughy then read the following letter tendering his resignation as chairman of the committee:

"Col. Ed Watkins, Chairman, Democratic Executive Committee: 'Dear Sir:—I herewith hand you the names of gentlemen chosen by the respective candidates in the coming legislative campaign, for a committee to assist the democratic executive committee.'"

"On account of an appointment to the office of assistant attorney-general, I beg that the gentlemen relieve me from the active duties of chairman of that committee. I shall take great pleasure in serving in the ranks as a private, and rest assured that my heart is in the work for the success of the entire democratic ticket in the coming election."

"Thanking you and with the very best wishes for the success of the entire ticket."

"I am, yours, etc., 'W. F. McLAUGHY.'"

L. W. W. TRIAL COMES TO SUDDEN CLOSE

Chicago, Aug. 17.—Testimony in the trial of 101 members of the L. W. W., which began early last April, came to a sudden close today before Federal Judge Landis. There is a possibility the jury may render a verdict before night. Judge Landis finished his instructions to the jury immediately after lunch.

Attorney George F. Vanderveer, chief counsel for the defense, surprised the court by submitting the case to the jury without making a closing statement.

Prosecutor Frank K. Hebecker confined himself to a straightforward arraignment of L. W. W. activities.

REED SAYS POOR SERVICE DUE TO WAR CONDITIONS

Defends Company Against Charges Made at Ninth Ward Meeting.

The cause for the poor street car service is attributed to abnormal conditions brought on by the war, by E. D. Reed, superintendent of the Chattanooga Railway and Light company, in a statement issued this morning in answer to complaints at a meeting of the Ninth ward civic organization Thursday night.

The following is the statement in full as issued by Mr. Reed:

"It is next to impossible for any industry, whether it be a public utility, manufacturing establishment, retail or wholesale business firm, to operate its business with regularity and freedom from frequent interruptions at a time when the country is engaged in the greatest war in the world's history, and which has resulted in abnormal conditions with which the business interests of this country have never before been confronted."

"Men from all walks of life and from all sorts of industries have been withdrawn from their usual vocations for direct or indirect military service, consequently the home business suffers. Materials are likewise requisitioned by the government and the local industries are unable to secure promptly such materials necessary in conducting their business."

"The local street railway is by no means an exception to the withdrawal of its employees for military and other service on the part of the government, and its manpower has been seriously depleted, which each passing day becomes more difficult to replace. Materials to maintain its plant and equipment are more difficult than ever to obtain and will become more acute as time passes."

"The railway company is bending every effort to serve its patrons under existing conditions and is hoping that by some turn of fate conditions will become better, which will enable it and other lines of industry to produce better results in the future."

NEW OFFICERS PLAN FOR SEPTEMBER TERM

Atty.-Gen.-Elect George W. Chambliss, and Assistant Atty.-Gen. W. F. McLaughy, are working on the docket in the criminal court in an effort to have the September docket set and the cases that can be called

and tried. There are a large number of old cases hanging fire and these, together with those indicted by the last grand jury, will keep the court busy for the first part of September anyway. It is the desire of Gen. Chambliss to keep up his docket and try cases just as quickly as possible and before the witnesses leave town or

are called into the army. There is nothing of importance at present for the grand jury to investigate except the usual few number of bootlegging or misdemeanor law violations to look after. A new grand jury and two petty juries will be selected the opening day of court and business will begin with a rush.

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